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IT'S THINGS LIKE THIS THAT MAKE A FELLA WANT TO CANCEL HIS SUBSCRIPTION!

SPIDER-MAN! GET OUTTA THERE, YOU WEB-SWINGING WEASEL!

ALL MY EMPLOYEES ARE SO BUSY GAWKIN' AT YOU THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING ANY WORK DONE!

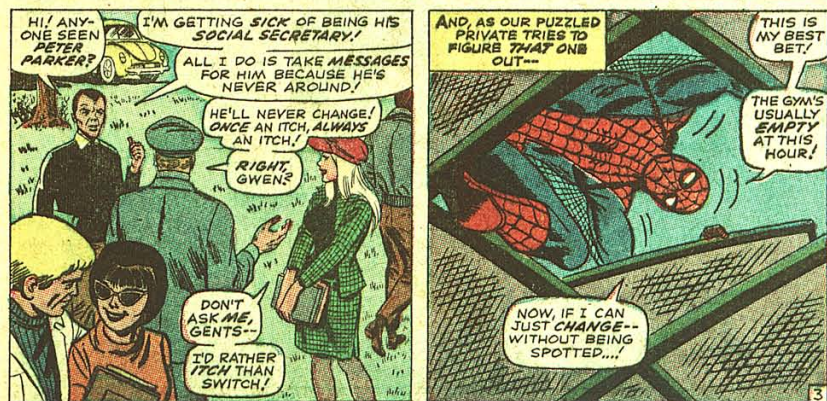
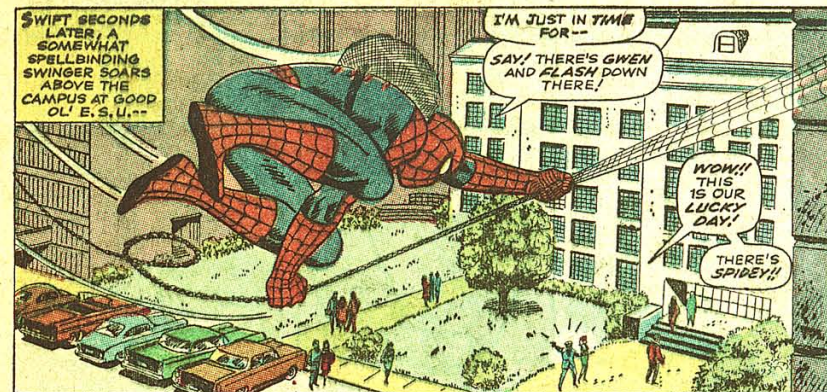
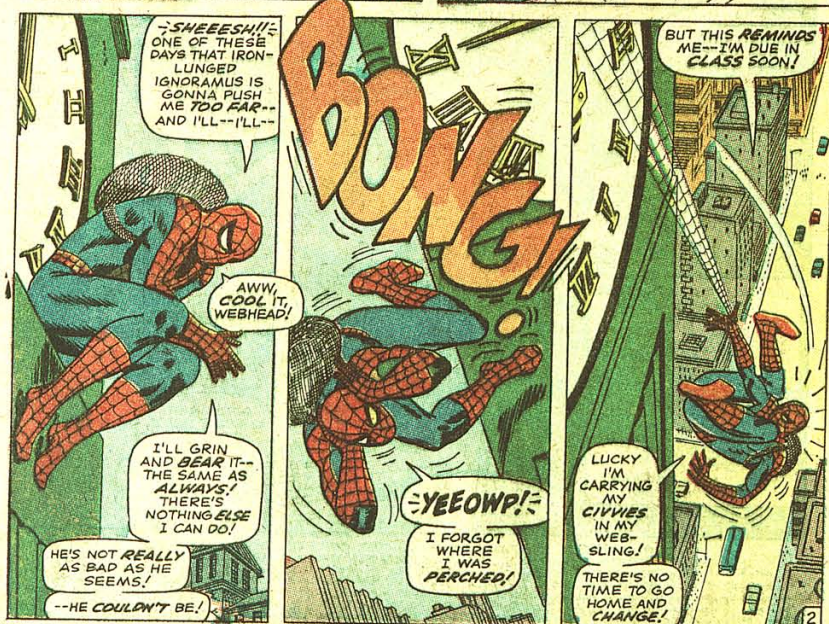
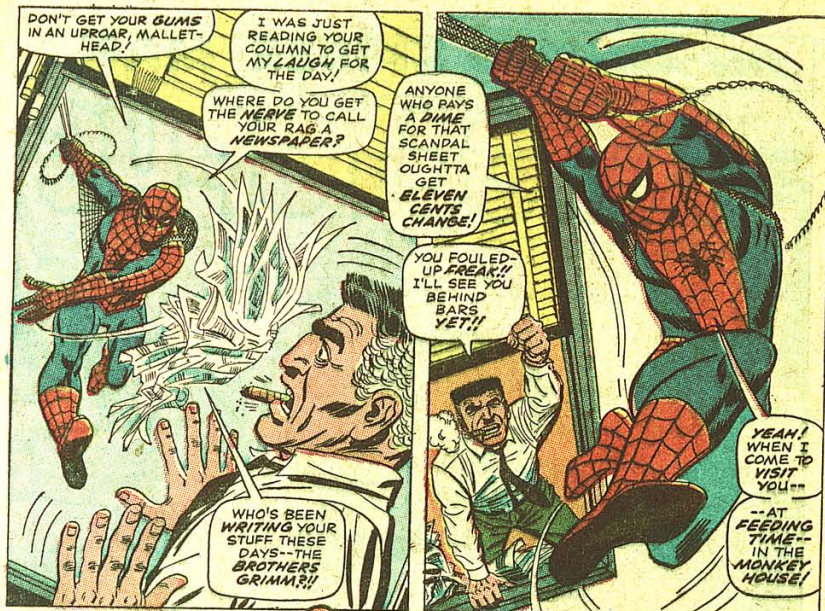
DON'T JUST DANGLE THERE, YOU PHONY FINK— SAY SOMETHING!!

WHEN YOU FINISH APPLAUDING, SEND YOUR THANK-YOU NOTES TO:

SMILIN' STAN and JOHNNY LEE and ROMITA

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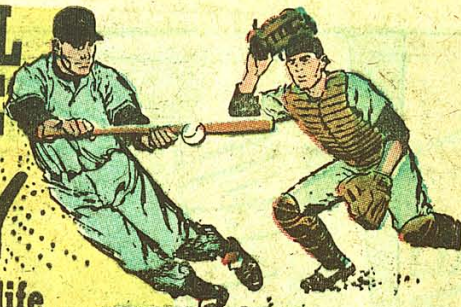
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—G. V., Cincinnati, O.

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—C. H., Lanett, Ala.

The best baseball game. It is realistic and yet not too difficult to play.

—P. M., Port Huron, Mich.

Thank you for creating such an exciting yet realistic game and putting a shine to what might have been a boring summer.

—N. S., Los Angeles, Calif.

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—A. H., Chicago, Ill.

It has given me more pleasure than any other game.

—S. E., Rossville, Ind.

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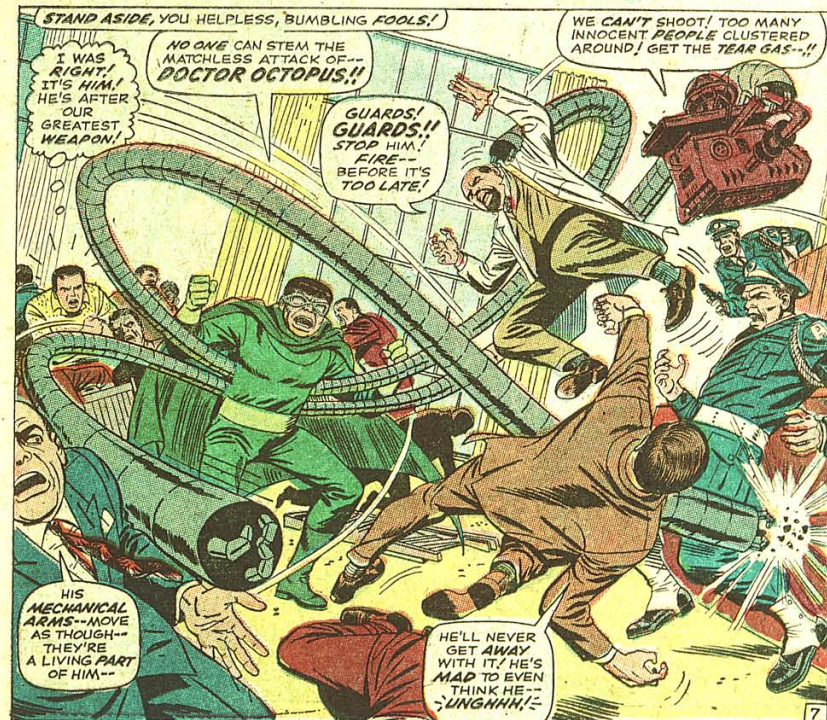
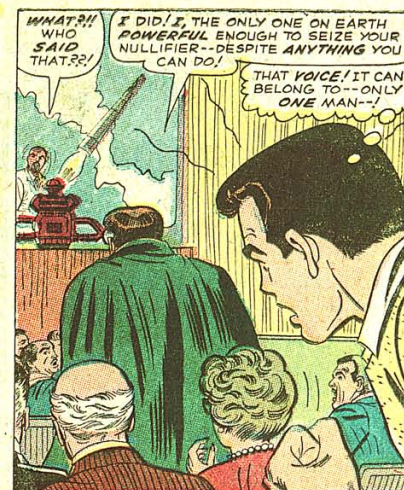
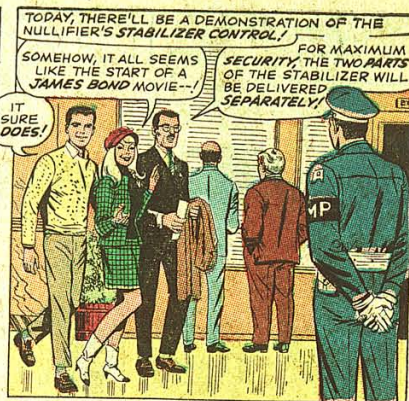
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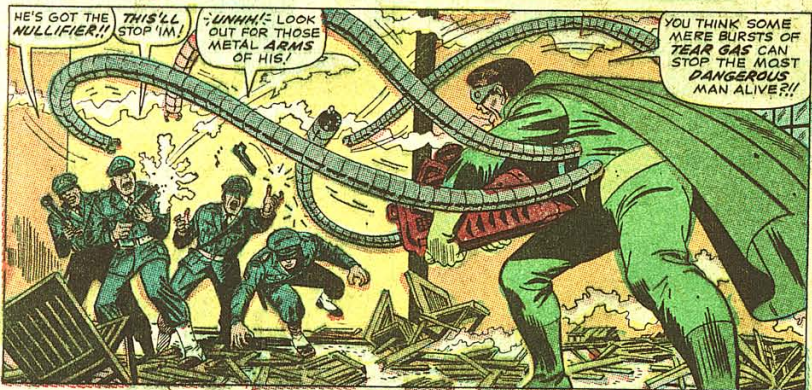
—J. E., Miami, Fla.

Has given me more enjoyment than I have ever had from any one thing in my entire life. It's worth its weight in gold. As I love baseball, this game gives me something enjoyable to do during the off seasons as well as during the season.

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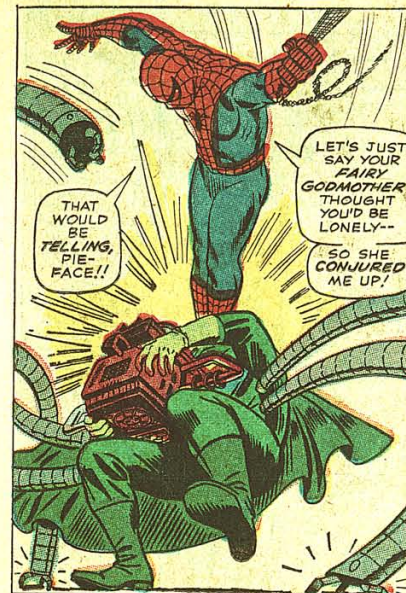
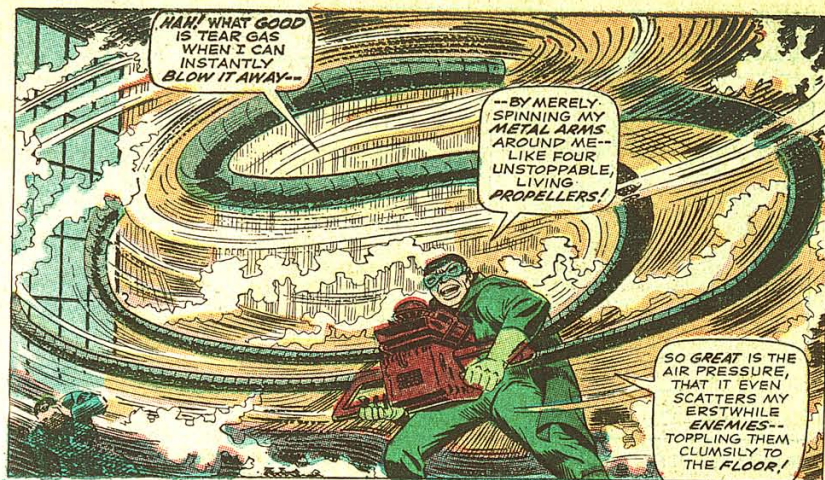
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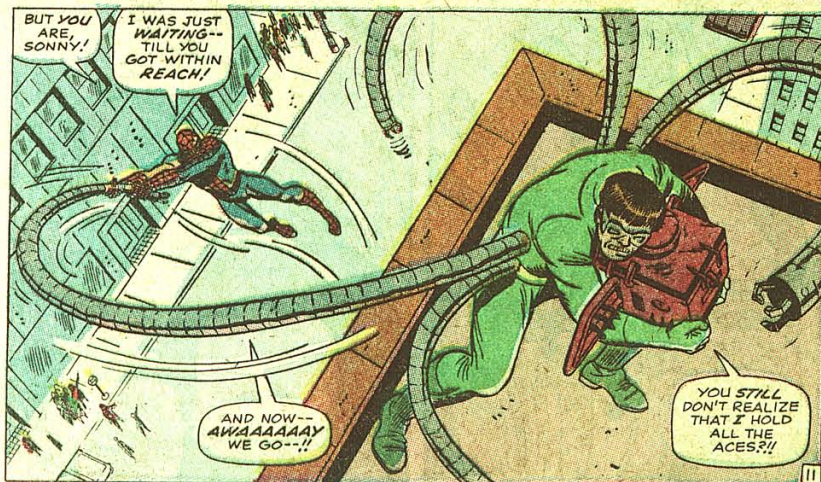
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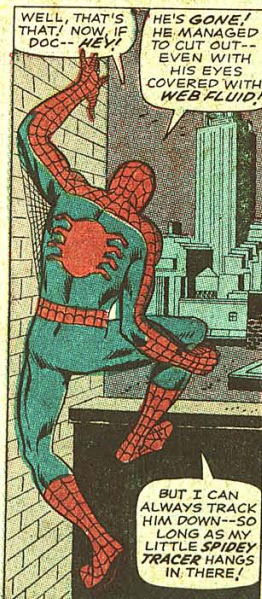
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I SHOULD BE REACHING IT BEFORE LONG!

AFTER THE THINGS I'VE ESCAPED FROM IN THE PAST, THIS WEB FLUID WON'T STOP ME NOW!

"I REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I BATTLED SPIDER-MAN! IT SEEMED THAT WE WERE BOTH DESTINED FOR A WATERY GRAVE--!"

*BE SUSPICIOUS! CHECK FOR YOURSELF IN YOUR NOW-PRICELESS COPY OF SPIDEY #33! --SENTIENTIOUS STAN.

"BUT, I HAD UNDER-ESTIMATED HIS STRENGTH--THE STRENGTH WHICH SAVED HIM--!"

"JUST AS MY OWN HYDRAULIC-POWERED ARMS SAVED ME--BY RAISING ME UP TO AN AIR ROCKET--!"

"--ALLOWING ME PRECIOUS TIME TO GRAPPLE FOR AN OXYGEN TANK, WHICH HAD BEEN PART OF MY BASIC EQUIPMENT--"

"--AND, ENABLING ME TO MAKE MY WAY INTO THE SAME TUNNEL AS THE ONE WHICH SPIDER-MAN HAD ESCAPED THRU, JUST SECONDS EARLIER!"

"I STILL REMEMBER MY UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE AT LEARNING THAT MY MOST HATED ENEMY HAD ALSO ESCAPED--!"

ALL MY MONTHS OF PLANNING--OF STRUGGLING--DESTRUCTED--BECAUSE OF SPIDER-MAN!!

JUST WHEN VICTORY WAS WITHIN MY GRASP--JUST WHEN THE GREATEST CRIME OF ALL TIME WAS ABOUT TO BE EXECUTED--HE TURNED MY TRIUMPH INTO A TOTAL DISASTER!

BUT, HE'LL PAY FOR IT! NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES--HE'LL PAY WITH HIS LIFE!

SELLING THE HULLFIER TO A HOSTILE NATION WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD AN EMPIRE OF CRIME EVEN GREATER THAN BEFORE!

BUT, ONCE AGAIN THE MASKED WALL-CRAWLER HAS SHATTERED MY PLAN TO ASHES!!

AHHH! AT LAST, THE WEB FLUID IS BEGINNING TO DISSOLVE!

I KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ADHERE TO MY GLASSES FOR--WAIT!! WHAT'S THAT?

SOMETHING WAS STUCK TO MY BACK! MY MOVING TENTACLES BRUSHED IT OFF!

IT'S SOME SORT OF MINIATURE TRANSMITTER--IN THE SHAPE OF A SPIDER!!

IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--HE PLANTED A TRACER ON ME--SO THAT HE COULD TRACK ME DOWN!

BUT--THERE STILL MAY BE TIME FOR ME TO TURN THE TABLES!!

AND, SPEAKING OF TABLE-TURNING, WHO'D EVER SUSPECT THAT THE WEARY-LOOKING YOUTH APPROACHING PROFESSOR WARREN HAD BEEN THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS WEB-SLINGER JUST SECONDS BEFORE--?

IF WE DON'T FIND PETER SOON, PERHAPS WE SHOULD--

IT'S ALL RIGHT, GWEN! I SEE HIM! HE'S COMING THIS WAY NOW!

OKAY, PARKER--LET'S GO! IT'S TIME TO GIVE ANOTHER ACADEMY-AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE!

I'LL MAKE UP THE SCRIPT AS I GO ALONG--!

AS SOON AS I SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, I RAN OUT TO FIND A CAMERA!

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU WERE, PETE--AS LONG AS YOU'RE BACK!

IF ONLY I COULD HAVE FOUND ONE, I'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO--HEY!

WE'D BETTER BE LEAVING NOW!

I NEVER REALIZED YOU WERE SO HABIT-FORMING, MAN-CHILD--LIKE BEING HOOKED ON PISTACHIO NUTS!

YOU'RE MAKING ME FEEL TOO OLD!

SHE'S THE ONLY GIRL--WHO'S NEVER ASKED ME--FOR ANY EXPLANATIONS!

IT'S A SHAME YOU MISSED SPIDER-MAN, PETE! HE WAS SIMPLY WONDERFUL!

IF ONLY HIS IDENTITY COULD BE EXPOSED! WHAT A SUBJECT HE'D BE--FOR A PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY!

IMAGINE LEARNING WHAT MOTIVATES SUCH A MAN! IS IT ALTRUISM--OR DEEP-SCHIZOPHRENIA?

I'LL BET HE'S EVEN AN ENIGMA TO HIMSELF!

MINUTES LATER--

CARE TO JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE, SIR?

THANKS, BUT I'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK!

WE'LL TRY TO KEEP THE FAITH WITHOUT YOU, DR. WARREN!

THE Coffee Bean

abandon hope all ye who enter here.

THE ENTIRE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY MAY TOPPLE IF I DON'T GRADE SOME TEA PAPERS TONIGHT!

HE'S ABOUT THE GREATEST PROF THAT EVER--OH, LOOK!

THE PARKER FAN CLUB IS NOW IN SESSION!

LIKE ME, LITTLE ONES! THERE'S JUST ROOM FOR TWO MORE SOUL-MATES!

SAY, GORGEOUS! YOU STILL WITH PUNY PARKER?

HOW ABOUT LEVELLIN' A SET OR FACE IT, FRIENDS! YOU'VE GOT YOUR GURU--TIVE GOT MINE!

WHAT'S HARRY SO STONY-FACED ABOUT?

I ONLY LOANED HIM TO YOU, LADY!

IS HE JEALOUS--OF GWEN AND ME?

PETER DEAR! I THOUGHT I SAW YOU WALK IN HERE!

AUNT MAY! AND MRS. WATSON!

THEY'RE ALL SMILES! SOMETHING MUST BE UP!

MAY COULDN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU THE NEWS--!

WE JUST PLACED AN AD IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER!

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IT'S A GREAT IDEA, AUNT MAY--

BUT BE CAREFUL WHOM YOU ACCEPT, HEAR?

YOU KNOW HOW CAUTIOUS WE ARE, PETER!

WE'LL INSIST ON THE VERY FINEST REFERENCES!

I WONDER IF CONRAD HILTON STARTED THIS WAY!

FROM WHERE I SIT, IT SOUNDS REAL GROOVY!

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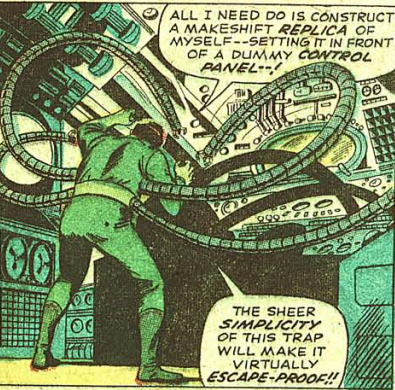
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SEE YOU LATER, GROUP! I'LL MAKE SURE NO ONE FLIRTS WITH THESE TWO FUSSYWILLOWS ON THEIR WAY HOME!

NO SKIN OFF MY NOSE! NOW WE DON'T HAVE ONE FELLA TOO MANY!
AW, ONE TIGER'S AS GOOD AS ANOTHER, SO LONG AS HE'S A REAL LIVE MALE!
METHINKS THE LADY DOTH PROTEST TOO MUCH!



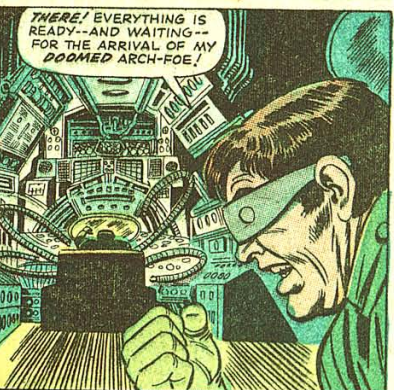
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT HE WILL ARRIVE!!
SINCE I HAVE TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF PLACING HIS OWN SPIDER TRACER EXACTLY WHERE I WANT IT!



BUT, BEFORE OUR LITTLE SAGA TURNS INTO A SWINGIN' SOAP OPERA, LET'S SEE WHAT'S SHAKIN' IN THE DIABOLICAL DIGS OF DASTARDLY DOC OCK--

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AND, BEFORE THE NIGHT GETS VERY MUCH OLDER--
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I'LL JUST CRISS-CROSS THE CITY FOR A WHILE UNTIL I--
SUH-OH!!

I'M BEGINNING TO SENSE SOMETHING ALREADY!

THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT--!



THE IMPULSES ARE COMING FROM THAT WATERFRONT SHACK!



I'LL CRASH RIGHT IN--
AND NO!

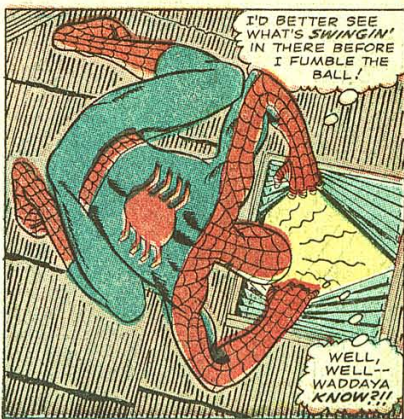
NOW MY SPIDEY-SENSE IS TINGLING!!

IT'S WARNING ME OF SOMETHING!



THE CLOSER I GET, THE MORE IT TINGLES!

IT CAN ONLY MEAN--
A TRAP!

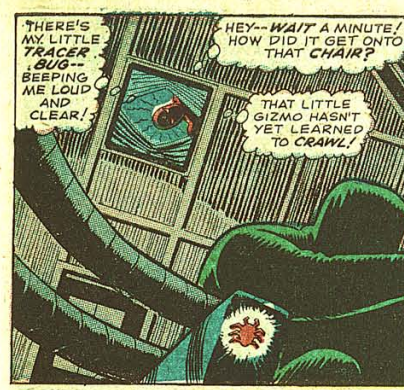


I'D BETTER SEE WHAT'S SWINGIN' IN THERE BEFORE I FUMBLE THE BALL!

WELL, WELL--
WADDYA KNOW!!



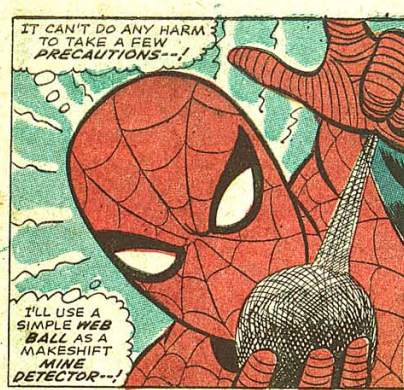
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A TRAP--
BUT MY SPIDEY-SENSE STILL WON'T BUY IT!



THERE'S MY LITTLE TRACER BUG--
BEEPING ME LOUD AND CLEAR!

HEY--WAIT A MINUTE! HOW DID IT GET ONTO THAT CHAIR?

THAT LITTLE GIZMO HASN'T YET LEARNED TO CRAWL!



IT CAN'T DO ANY HARM TO TAKE A FEW PRECAUTIONS--!

I'LL USE A SIMPLE WEB BALL AS A MAKESHIFT MINE DETECTOR--!



AS SOON AS I LET 'ER GO, I'LL DIVE FOR COVER AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

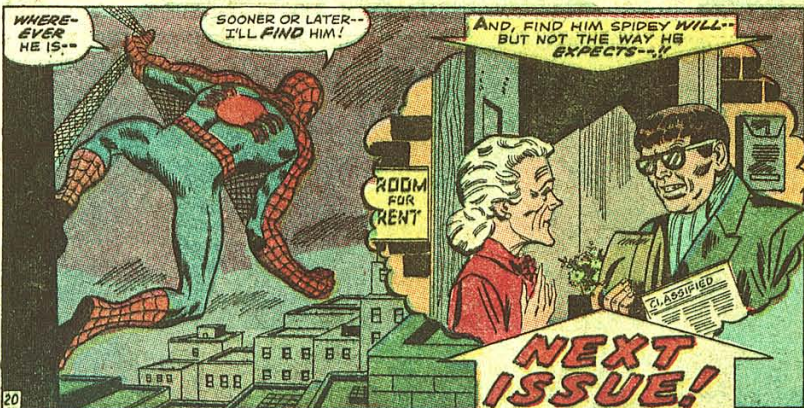
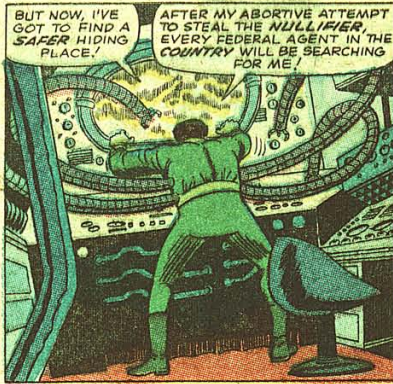
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ITEM! Well, we did it again! Another ether shattering MISTAKE of a magnitude which only your batty Bullpen could achieve! We've been touting the title of our newest and nuttiest senile, BRAND ECHH, for the past two months — and just realized we've been labeling it wrong! The actual title is: NOT BRAND ECHH — 'cause if the word NOT is omitted, things'll be more confusing than ever around here! There! Now that we've set the record straight, we're gonna go out and kick ourselves around the block—if the real Brand ECHH doesn't beat us to it! Anyhow, like we always say — THINK MARVEL!

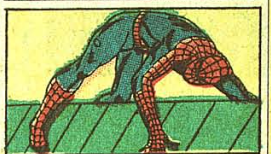
ITEM! Here's more straight scoop on our senses-staggering SPECIALS for this summer. We've already told you about the 25¢ ish of SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS, as well as our MILLIE THE MODEL SPECIAL. (It is, of course, isn't it? Anyway, we think so!) But now, the long-awaited DAREDEVIL SPECIAL and the AVENGERS SPECIAL are both on sale! O' DD features an all-new and original 39-page blockbustin' action story, featuring our lovable hornhead battles like a demon against Electro and his emissaries of Evil — and wait'll you see who the Emissaries are! There are also a whole kaboodle of feature pages, dabbly-dabbling up by Stan and Garry, containing the illin' low-down on DD—as well as some scintillating surprises and powerhouse pin-ups! And, just between us, the AVENGERS SPECIAL is just as great! It features possibly the longest single comics mag spectacular ever produced—49 full pages of more super-hero action than anyone ever thought possible! You'll see the old Avengers—the new Avengers—the Sub-Mariner, Nick Fury, more gains than you can count, and just about everything we could toss in to make sure you get your money's worth! Remember: the DAREDEVIL SPECIAL, and the AVENGERS SPECIAL—both containing only brand-new material; both chock-full of thrills and surprises; and both on sale right now! Next ish we'll give you the facts about the upcoming FANTASTIC FOUR SPECIAL and the SPIDER-MAN SPECIAL. But all then — see why we say THINK MARVEL!

ITEM: Let's gossip about the gang for a while. Didja know that world-famous philosopher Marshall McLuhan has a brief write-up and a full-page photo of our leader in his first book, published in 1957! It was titled *The Mechanical Bride*, and the chapter concerning comic mags quoted Smil'n Stan himself! But, why not? Even Fearless Forbush is a fan of his! Rascally Roy, who's just bought himself a pet ocelot named Gollum (honest) and Groovy Gary, who's

just sold about a zillion pop songs which you'll all be humming soon, had both better look to their laurels — mainly because we've just lassoed a brand-new addition to our wondrous staff of way-out writers! Step right up and meet Raymond Marals who's writing script Dr. Strange and will soon be trying his hand at Sub-Mariner as well. Not only is talented Ray as nice a guy as you'd wanna meet, but he's got more hair in his beard than the rest of the Bullpen have on their pony heads! And he's just a young sprit, too! One of these days we'll find out what he's hiding under there, but till then — welcome aboard, Bushy — and remember, your most important duty is—THINK MARVEL!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Many Keepers of the Faith have demanded that we take a more definite stand on current problems such as Vietnam, civil rights, and the increase in crime, to name a few. We've a hunch that most Marvel madmen pretty well know where we stand on such matters — and we've long believed that our first duty is to entertain, rather than editorialize. Of course, you've probably noticed that it's not too easy to keep our own convictions out of the soul-stirring sagas we toss at you — but in our own humbling fashion, we do try. Anyway, since it's YOU who are the true editors of Marveldom, it's time for another impassioned poll! Should we editorialize more — or less — or keep things in the status quo? Or should we just announce the verdict as soon as one of us learns to count so we can tabulate the votes. But, till then, in case you haven't noticed, we've got a little suggestion for you. Namely—THINK MARVEL! That's it. Believe it!



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Dear Stan and John,

I'm finally using my pen for a good reason. I want to compliment this amazingly adept arachnid on his past achievements. And now that I've completed buttering you up, I would like to have the fact established that a little goof in ish #49 showed up rather conspicuously displayed on page 7, panel 5. "Ahooy the ship Stop your engines!" the Vulture addresses his victims. Now this would be all right if Vulture was addressing the Queen Mary or Stan's vacation rowboat. But you goofed because Vulture was addressing a helicopter! Now what would a helicopter do if it stopped its engines? It would fall, naturally! So the Vulture wouldn't get the diamonds he was after if the copter crashed. Now that I have revealed your error, I would again like to compliment your achievements in the field of Marvelism. So, until Kraven becomes an employee of the Metropolitan Zoo, heads up, John, and hang loose, Stan. Don't tangle your webbing, Sam. And remember to give Stan a birthday no-present, Marty!

Mike Fenimore, 407 Rosemont Ave.
So, Charleston, W. Va.

Are there any other kinds of presents, Mike? We wouldn't know! Boy! Just our luck to have an aeronautical engineer scanning our Vulture yarn! We make one teeny little mistake, like almost crashing that whirlybird, and you act as though we did some thing serious, like forgetting to dot an 'i'. Actually, the Vulture was probably just excited and didn't realize what he was saying. He probably meant "Slow your engines!"—or "Face front!"—or something equally soul-stirring! Anyway, your no-prize is on the way! (Sob!)

Dear Stan and John,

I refuse to become incoherent with joy while writing this letter. I will not use a single exclamation point. I shall merely analyze, page by page, SPIDER-MAN #50. First of all, the cover—very good. I like symbolic-type things of that sort, and the emphasis on one color was even better. Now, pages 1 through 3—an ordinary Spidey vs. Crook fight. One nice touch, though, was the door-clunking episode. Pages 3 through 7 made me very apprehensive. What would happen to Peter? Then came the topper. Page 8 was undoubtedly the best full-page

panel I've ever seen in any Marvel mag. I won't even try to describe it, although Odin might come up with some adequate Asgardian adjectives. The "reward" panel on page 9 broke me up, and JJJ's "Tonight" spot was a tickler, too. Page 11's Hoods' Congress was very smoke-filled-roomy. The balloons on pages 13-15 were something else. (You could apply this to the Kingpin's threats, or to the Gwen/Peter dialogue.) The reminiscences on pages 16-18 nearly had me crying, but seeing the way J. Jonah nearly dropped his moustache on page 20 made me feel better. As for the letters page, well, normally a letters page is just a letters page, but this one was better because you were using the easier-to-read smaller type. There, see? Made it through without one exclamation point! Oh, well, there goes the home-grown, salt-free no-prize I was going to give myself. So, as I sink slowly into the sunset, I shall paraphrase one of your MMSM DJs, Joey Reynolds (we've got two at WDRC now)—biya biyal!

Doug Randall, Bow Lane
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Likewise, Doug—and Joey, too! You're an amazingly awesome analyzer, mister—but how anyone can write so much without using countless exclamation points—!! It's almost like having an election without the name Forbush on the ballot! But don't worry, Faithful One—Marveldom will not be an exclamation point-less too long—not while we're around!

Dear Stan and John,

Before I get to the main reason for writing, just stop and think for a moment. Do you realize in just one teeny-weeny little month—Blastaar, the Juggernaut, some aliens, Hydra, Kang, the Living Tribunal and the Red Skull were planning to take over the world; the cosmic cube had passed through more dangerous hands including those of Prince Namor who incurred his wrath upon the Avengers and is ready to incur it upon the surface world; Kraven and the Vulture were fighting to take over New York City; the Ancient One is gone; and Spidey has a cold. I would like to say that it's time to release Millie the Model upon the world! Now that I've warned you of the problems of the earth, it is time to express my own. When I saw the beautiful cover of SPIDER-MAN #50, I knew it would be a great issue—and it was! It contained your high quality writing and art. But I don't like what the issue foretold. In a nutshell it implied that

if Pete wants to continue being Spider-Man, he will have to forfeit his job, his school work, and his social life. This is wrong. In the past Pete has always had a couple of girls and has done well in school despite his wall crawling. In this issue Pete also felt he wasn't needed. Just because Harry had a date with Gwen the same night Aunt May went out with Mrs. Watson doesn't mean he's not liked or needed. One last thing concerning the no-prize mentioned—let me say—one letter expressed a fondness towards Peter Parker's old personality, as does everybody. We all hold a warm spot in our heart for him, but he admits the "times are changing" and to keep up with the world, Peter, especially since he is a college student, has to be extroverted. So in answering: is that frantic fan pro or con? He is pro and is just saying that Pete's development from High School to College is natural.

Robert Lax, 25 Audubon Dr.
Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167

Whew! Thanks, Bob! You had us worried there for a minute! But, in true Marvel style, you came up with a happy ending! And, as far as we're concerned, they're the only kind. Anything that's not a happy ending merely means it's a continued story. There—we just gave away our greatest secret—but, we don't haveta worry! According to Brand Echh, nobody's reading this anyway!



Dear Stan and John,

Bring back old baddies! I was glad, nay—overjoyed, to see that you had finally brought back the Vulture. And, though I was upset to see that it wasn't old Baldy, I was pacified by the extremely realistic way in which you dumped the original Vulture. Now! Why do you have such a nasty feeling for your old villains? What is wrong with them? They were what helped to make Spidey one of the shining stars of the Marvel Age! Compare dolts such as the Shocker and the Looter with Doc Ock and Mysterio and you will see how you have declined. Look at the Sandman who will be the one for whom I will intercede. I have seldom seen such a magnificently original evil guy. But now what did you do?? You gave him to the F.F.I. And if that wasn't enough, you changed his dirty green shirt and brown pants to a bleh costume with no originality and gave him cultured words to speak. Give him his old rags and his slang back! Do you realize he hasn't appeared in SPIDER-MAN since #19? After all, he is Spidey's foe. Give Sandman back to Spider-Man and whip up a good fight for them. Take him out of the F.F. There are others, of course. The Chameleon—whatever happened to him? He disappeared in Dec., 1964 as did the Sandman. It was a bad month for villains. Doc Ock? Who knows what happened to him? I sure do! And so do a lot of other Marvelites, you bet! I could go on and on—the Enforcers, Electro, Ringmaster! And the Green Goblin! You killed him! How could anybody who writes comics do that?? I shall leave you with this thought—old baddies are the best!

Kim Grinder, 930 Marlowe Ave.
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The best what, Kim-bo? Before you even answer that inane interrogation, let us express that you'll soon be seeing almost all the old baddies you've mentioned! Doc Ock, as you know by now, has already returned for fun and games—while Electro is starring in the

DAREDEVIL SPECIAL—the Chameleon will be back sooner or later somewhere or other—and even the Green Goblin might just pop up when you least expect him! (Like in a future ish of House and Garden!) So, you see, we like the oldies, too—mainly because we're running out of ideas for newies!

Dear Stan and John,

After reading dozens of your mags, I have finally been moved to comment by issue #50. The cover is beautiful—please reprint it for sale without the lettering. I am a Honda owner and want to warn Peter that the no-helmet thing may be more fun, but triples his chances of death in an accident. I see that someone already has mentioned this on your letters pages. I guess that means you assemble your letters after the rest of the mag. The point is that as of January, in New York State, all riders, including Gwen, must wear helmets, by law; also they must have a windshield or goggles or face shield to keep stray wasps and spiders from hitting their eyes. What happened to Peter's glasses? He doesn't seem the vain "contacts" type. Besides, he needs glasses or goggles for chem lab. I must say I've never seen Peter so grim, so determined. Maybe he just forgot his helmet. I have the chaotic honor of being a caseworker for the NYC Department of Welfare, so I'd like to correct your little tearjerker before somebody invades their local center for the loot. The fact is that, like everything else now, we are computerized. The regular twice-monthly checks are mailed from downtown Manhattan unless we send forms stopping them. The paperwork is endless and we dream of simply punching a cash register, but 'taint so. By the way, thanks for indicating that the people receiving welfare need it. I wish more people understood that. As for Spidey, the criticism about him changing into a swinger is unfounded. Lots of bright, science-minded kids don't make it in high school where the values are juvenile (sports, cars, parties, looks) but find a lot more friends in college. Also, he's not just a swinger—he's an introverted and tortured soul—like a lot of us Lower East Side types. 'Nuff said?

Janet Schleicher, 327 E. 12th St.
New York, N. Y. 10003

'Joyed your cogent comments, Jan. As for Spidey's specs—where've you been all these months? He's up wearing them a long time ago 'cause he didn't really need 'em. We're kinda proud of you being a Welfare Dept. caseworker, gal—and we're sending you a complimentary subscription to you-know-who for eluding us in on the latest payroll procedures. No, no—don't thank us! Just be sure our check is on time next month!

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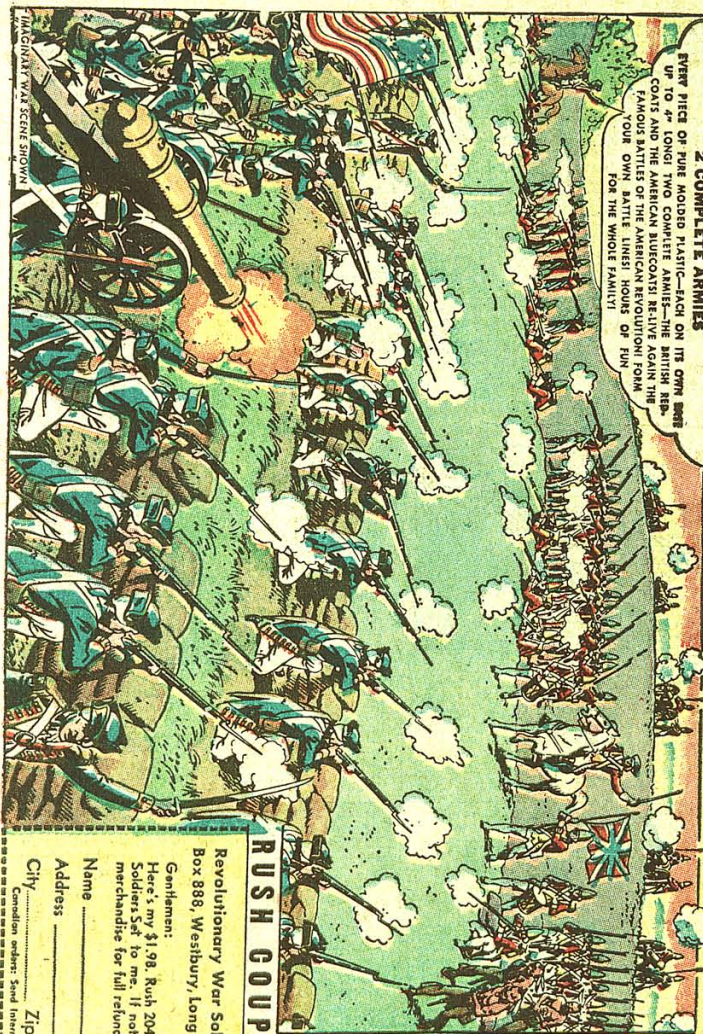
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